

**MINUTES
STATE PRESERVES ADVISORY BOARD
JANUARY 18, 2002**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Neil Bernstein
Robin Fortney
Kathy Gourley
Gary Phillips, Chairperson
Timothy Sproul
Laura Jackson
Jeff Vonk (Larry Wilson filled in for Jeff Vonk until 1:00 p.m.)

STAFF PRESENT

Daryl Howell
John Pearson
Larry Wilson

CALL TO ORDER

The January 18, 2002 meeting of the State Preserves Advisory Board was called to order at 10:30 a.m. at the Boone County Wildlife Research Station.

APPROVE AGENDA

Add: 7A Presentation by Dick Heft

Motion was made by Robin Fortney to approve the agenda. Seconded by Tim Sproul. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE MINUTES

Corrections: page 3 – 1st paragraph Fin should be changed to Fen.
Page 3, motion should read: (Motion was made by Robin Fortney to develop ...)

Motion was made by Larry Wilson to approve the November 16, 2001 minutes as amended. Seconded by Kathy Gourley. Motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Daryl Howell told the Board that the request for proposals have gone out for this year. The deadline for submittal is March 18 and the selections will be made at the April meeting.

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PRESERVES GUIDE

John Pearson told the board that the new Preserves Guide has been published and has been distributed to the Board members. He said it is available commercially for the price of \$14.95 from the University of Iowa Press and should be available in commercial book stores in the near future.

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REAP ASSEMBLIES

Daryl Howell distributed a copy of the schedule for the upcoming REAP assemblies.

Larry Wilson said he would like the Board to be aware of a bill that has been introduced into the House that proposes to make some changes to the formula.

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FINAL RULE- CHAPTER 2

Daryl Howell said that the Department did not receive any comments from the public regarding this rule. He recommended that the Board adopt the rule.

Motion was made by Neal Bernstein to adopt the rule as presented. Seconded by Robin Fortney. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION BY DICK HEFT

Dick Heft, Board Chairman for the Linn County Conservation Board said that the Linn County has recently received a gift of 100 acres of land located near the Rock Island Preserve and with the Board's approval they would like to dedicate it as an addition to the preserve.

Lengthy discussion followed.

Gary Phillips thanked Mr. Heft for bringing the matter to their attention and he said the Preserves Board would have an opportunity in October to visit the site when they go to Cedar Rapids.

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ROCK ISLAND PRESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Dan Biechler from the Linn County Conservation Board reviewed the management plan for the Rock Island Preserve.

(A copy of the management plan is available in the Department's Record Center.)

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Pam Mackey Taylor from the Cedar Wapsie Chapter of the Sierra Club said the Linn County members are happy that the additional land has been donated. She

said they encourage the Preserves Board to continue their examination of the property.

Jane Clark from the Iowa Chapter of the Sierra Club said they would also support the expansion and buffering of the preserve.

HIGHWAY 100 UPDATE

Staff members of the Iowa Department of Transportation presented the history, the various alternatives considered, and their future plans for the siting of the Highway 100 project.

Lengthy discussion followed.

(A copy of the outline for the PowerPoint presentation and a map of the alternatives considered are available in the Department's Record Center.)

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GENERAL DISCUSSION

Gary Phillips distributed a draft letter to the Geological Survey regarding their decision to no longer provide a geologist to work along side the Preserves Board and asked for comments.

Kathy Gourley informed the Board of a traveling exhibit called Iowa Collections: Photographs of Iowa's Natural Resources.

Director Jeffrey Vonk briefed the board on the Department's plan for reorganization.

NEXT MEETING

The State Preserves Advisory Board will hold their Spring field trip on April 1st and will meet in Room B at the Courthouse in Glenwood on April 2nd.

ADJOURNMENT

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| <i>Motion was made by Neal Bernstein to adjourn. Seconded by Robin Fortney. Motion carried unanimously.</i> |
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With no further business to come before the State Preserves Advisory Board, Chairperson Gary Phillips adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m. , Friday, January 21, 2002.

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